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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: POLYESTER FIBER PLANT

REF: ABIDJAN 1567

1. E/C COUNSELOR WAS FOLLOWING UP ON DISPOSITION OF
CHEMTEX LETTER OF INTEREST, WHEN HE FOUND IN MAGAZINE
PUBLISHED IN PARIS ENTITLED "HOMMES ET ORGANIZATION
D'AFRIQUE NOIRE," NUMBER 405, DATED MARCH 4, 1977, THE
FOLLOWING SQUIB:

QTE. THREE PROJECTS IN PROCESS OF REALIZATION: THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLYESTER FIBER PLANT AND MANUFACTURE
OF THREAD BY THE SOCIETE RHONE POULENC. CAPACITY OF
PRODUCTION ANTICIPATED :10,000 M.T. PER YEAR OF
WHICH 2,500 M.T. WILL BE CONTINUOUS FIBER (FRENCH:
FILAMENTS CONTINUS) , 1,000 M.T. OF TWISTED THREAD
(FRENCH: CABLES) AND 6500 M.T. OF SHORT FIBERS
(FRENCH: FIBRES COURTES). TOTAL INVESTMENT
ANTICIPATED : 10 BILLION CFA; FINANCING: GOIC 50
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2. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE E/C STAFF, INCLUDING
E/C COUNSELOR, ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE THE
VERACITY OF THIS ARTICLE. DIABA MANGOU OF BDI TO
DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INFORMED
EMBOFFS THAT ARTICLE WAS FALSE. RHONE POULENC,

ACCORDING TO THESE OFFICIALS, MADE SUCH A PROPOSAL APPROXIMATELY A YEAR AGO, AND SUBSEQUENTLY ABANDONED IT. THEY CLAIM ARTICLE IS COMPLETE MYSTER TO THEM. CHEMTEX HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE MINISTRY OF PLAN TO UNDERTAKE ITS MARKET STUDY AND FEASIBILITY STUDY NOW, RATHER THAN WAIT FOR A LETTER FROM MINISTER OF PLAN DIAWARA.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT WISH TO DISCOURAGE CHEMTEX, BUT OBVIOUSLY MUST SOUND A NOTE OF CAUTION, PARTICULARLY ABOUT REVELATION OF CHEMTEX PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. EMBASSY SUGGESTS CHEMTEX MAY WISH TO CHECK FIGURES IN ARTICLE AGAINST FIGURES IN ORIGINAL PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY. AMONG SEVERAL COURSES OPEN TO CHEMTEX ARE TO COME TO IVORY COAST, TALK TO DIAWARA, AND SEEK OUT AN IVORIAN JOINT-VENTURE PARTNER TO ASSIST IN PROTECTING ITS INTERESTS. STEARNS

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